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CSD HOLDS SMALL CLAIMS COURT CLINIC THIS THURSDAY

Another in Miami-Dade County's series of Small Claims Court Clinics takes place this Thursday, May 9, at the C. Lawton McCall Community Center at 9617 Park Drive in Miami Shores.

The event was originally scheduled to be held at the Miami Shores Villages Chambers, but was changed to facilitate consumers requiring disability access.

The clinics are sponsored by the Miami-Dade County Consumer Services Department and are held every month at venues across Miami-Dade to give residents an opportunity to hear a detailed explanation on how to use the Small Claims Court system to settle disputes with a value of \$5,000 or less.

At these clinics the County's Consumer Advocate, Leonard Elias, explains the Small Claims Court process in a step-by-step manner, outlining how to prepare and what to expect, from initial filing through to collecting on a judgment. He also provides a packet of sample legal forms.

The clinics are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required.

Persons requiring directions to the C. Lawton McCall Community Center at 9617 Park Drive, should call the Miami Shores Village Chambers at (305) 795-2207.

For other information about the Small Claims Court Clinics please call the Miami-Dade County Consumer Hotline at (305) 375-3677.

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The Miami Dade Consumer Services Department is an agency of Miami-Dade County government that protects consumers through complaint mediation, business regulation, and consumer education. The Department operates the Consumer Hotline (305) 375-3677, a central telephone number for consumer complaints and information.